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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

YOURIST ET AL.

Examiner

Sue A. Weaver

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2006.
 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 January 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner. --
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. The drawings were received on 1/30/06. These drawings are accepted.
2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 4, 5, 14 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 4 and 14 each recites the limitation "said vacuum panels" in lines 1 and 3, respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

In claim 23 it isn't clear what applicant means by "said lower bumper transition is linearly tapered from said bumper transition is linearly tapered between said label mounting region and said base".

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1, 4-6, 13, 15 and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ota et al '086, of record.

Applicant's attention is invited to Figure 7 where b is clearly an angle greater than 90 degrees.

4. Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 16, 17 and 19-26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peek '125 in view of Ota et al '096, both of record.

To have made the recess of Peek 91 degrees or greater than 90 degrees would have been obvious in view of Ota et al at B.

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5. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Tobias et al '221, of record.

To have merely provided the dome with a logo would have been obvious in view of the teaching by Tobias et al.

6. Claims 13-15 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claims 4 and 24 above, and further in view of Ogg et al '433, or record.

To have formed the islands of the same width as the label mounting area to support the label would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Ogg et al. Moreover to have adjusted the vacuum panel and dome height would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Ogg et al.

7. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Krishnakumar et al '834, of record.

To have formed the bottle to hold 20 ounces of fluid would have been obvious in view of Krishnakumar et al.

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents show other dome constructions.

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